agencies are currently implementing projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh for rehabilitation of working children as given below.

Name of Voluntary Agency	Number of Schools	Children	Year of commencement of the project
1. Vijayapuram, Praja Sewa Samiti, Chittoor	2	100	1996
2. Rural Development Organisation, Mehboobnagar	2	200	1999
3. Rural Social Welfare Association, Mehboobnagar	3	150	1999
4. Sri Triveni Education Academy Nandigama, Krishna	4	200	1999
5. Zilla Vikalangula Sangam Vinukonda, Guntur	4	200	1999
6. Youth Association for Rural Education & Development, Khammam	4	200	1999

Development of Market Infrastructure in Tripura

*366. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tripura had submitted proposal in 1994-95 for development of market infrastructure amounting to Rs. 9680 lakhs; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Tripura had submitted to the Central Government in October, 1994 a Project

profile for development of marketing infrastructure. Subsequently, this was followed by a detailed proposal in May, 1997 for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 9680 lakhs for the development of Post Harvest Management and other market infrastructure.

(b) The proposals submitted by the State Government of Tripura were examined by the Ministry of Rural Development and a new scheme for development of agricultural marketing strategies in the North-Eastern States was prepared. However, these proposals could not be approved as they were not covered by the schemes relating to agricultural marketing under the Ninth Five Year Plan and the inability of the Planning Commission to allocate additional funds for the scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan period.

Government have recently approved a Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce with a view to giving a major thrust for development of Post Harvest Management infrastructure in the country, including in the North Eastern States.

Activities of ICCR

*367. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research and extension activities taken up by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) during last five years;